

Indiana Department of Correction and Greyhound Prison Partnership Save Lives of Grey Hounds

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (June 22, 2006) - The Indiana Department of Correction and the [National](#)

[Greyhound Foundation](#), a leading Greyhound Rescue, a non-profit organization announced today that it will launch its new SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE: GREYHOUND & INMATES Prison Partnership in four of Indiana's correctional facilities.

“The Greyhound Rescue program at the Correctional Industrial Facility, Branchville Correctional Facility, Plainfield Re-entry and Education and Miami Correctional Facility will allow offenders to bond with the dogs and make them more family-friendly. The bonding will allow the retired racing greyhounds to become adoptable,” said Commissioner J. David Donahue.

The Second Chance at Life: Inmates and Greyhounds Prison Partnership is free to the State of Indiana and will establish a prison pet program that will provide a Foster Care Home and Inmate caretakers for retired racing greyhounds.

“This is the first time many of these inmates have ever experienced unconditional love”, says NGF Executive Director, Beverly Sebastian. “And there’s nothing like a greyhound to show you that love.”

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The Partnership not only benefits the greyhounds, but provides a complete curriculum and job training for the inmate from their selection into the program, through re-entry back into the community. SCAL is the first program of its kind to have an evaluation data bank on recidivism and the success of the program.

The nation wide collaboration when completed, will partner over one hundred Department of Corrections facilities, one hundred Greyhound Adoption Partners, 18,000 inmates and community adoptive parents, all working together to save more than 6,000 retired racing greyhound's lives each year.

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About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.